TALUKWAR REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE UNDER CERTAIN ITEMS FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

18. MR. N PADMANABHA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the revenue derived from each of the taluks of the State during the last 5 years;

(*b*) the amount of money spent in each of these taluks during the last 5 years on (1) education, (2) sanitation, (3) medical relief, and (4) public works?

MR. K. GEORGE: (*a*) & (*b*) The talukwar statistics required by the member are not available.

MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI: May I take it that the Government have no source to take these statistics from?

MR. K. GEORGE: There is no source.

POOR RELIEF.

19. MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the existence of a very large number of people in this State who have no assured means of subsistence?

(*b*) Are they also aware that a good number of these people are really leading very miserable lives, particularly during the two famine months of the year?

(*c*) Have the Government adopted any measures to help these people in times of distress?

(*d*) Will Government be pleased to see that adequate measures are adopted to relieve the distressed condition of these poor people, at least the invalid and the aged amongst them?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) Government are not aware that there is a larger percentage in Travancore than elsewhere of persons of the description given by the member.

(*b*) Government are not aware that there are any famine months in the year in Travancore in the sense in which the expression 'famine' is generally understood.

(*c*) & (*d*) Special relief is afforded by the State whenever there is acute distress on account of fires or floods and there are also *conji-purais* intended to afford relief to the aged and the infirm. Government do not at present contemplate any further measures of relief

MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI: May I ask whether Government are in possession of any statistics as to whether there are any actual famine months in the year in the State and as to the indigent condition of the people in the various months of the year?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: There are no *famine* months in Travancore.

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